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In re Application of:  
Qiao et al.

Group Art Unit: 2813  
Examiner: Pham, T.

Atty. Dkt. No. 5298-04100

For: METHOD OF FORMING SELF  
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**AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 26, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Dear Sir/ Madam:**

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2002 to further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance.

**Please amend the case as follows:**

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**In the Claims:**

Please replace claims 1, 5, and 15 with the amended claims below. A “marked-up” version of each amendment is included in **Attachment A**.